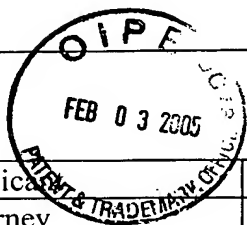


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Application No.	03150200.8	Day <u>31</u> Month <u>12</u> Year <u>2004</u>
Title of the Invention	液晶装置、液晶装置の製造方法、電子機器	
Examination Dept.	Examiner: XIE, Youcheng	Seal of the Examination Department

Notification of the First Office Action

1. ☒ The applicant requested examination as to substance on _____. The examiner examines the above-identified patent application for invention in accordance with Article 35(1) of the Patent Law.
☐ The Patent Office has decided to examine the application on its own initiative in accordance with Article 35(2) of the Patent Law.
2. ☒ The applicant claims priority rights from the applications:
 filed in JP on 2002.07.22, filed in _____ on _____,
 filed in JP on 2003.04.18, filed in _____ on _____,
 filed in _____ on _____, filed in _____ on _____.
☒ The applicant has furnished the certified priority documents.
☐ The applicant has not furnished the certified priority documents and therefore the priority claim is deemed not to have been made under Article 30 of the Patent Law.
☐ The application is a national phase of a PCT application.
3. ☐ The applicant submitted amendments to the application on _____ and on _____, wherein the amended _____ submitted on _____ and the amended _____ submitted on _____ are not acceptable, because said amendments do not comply with ☐ Article 33 of the Patent Law.
☐ Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.
 The specific reasons why the amendments are not acceptable are set forth in the text portion of this Notification.
4. ☒ The examination is carried out on the basis of the application documents as originally filed.
☐ The examination is carried out on the basis of the following documents
 claims _____, pages _____ of the description and drawings _____ as originally filed,
 claims _____, pages _____ of the description and drawings _____ submitted on _____,
 claims _____, pages _____ of the description and drawings _____ submitted on _____,
 and the abstract submitted on _____.
5. ☐ This Notification is issued before the search is made.
☒ This Notification is issued with consideration of the search results.
☒ The following reference documents are cited in this Notification (the serial number of the reference document will be referred to throughout the examination procedure):

Serial	Reference Document	Date of Publication
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No.		(or the filing date of conflicting application)
1	CN1269025A	Date <u>04</u> Month <u>10</u> Year <u>2000</u>
2	JP2002-122872A	Date <u>26</u> Month <u>04</u> Year <u>2002</u>
3	CN1112686A	Date <u>29</u> Month <u>11</u> Year <u>1995</u>

6. Conclusions of the Office Action:

- ☐ On the Specification:
 - ☐ The subject matter described in the application is not patentable under Article 5 of the Patent Law.
 - ☐ The description does not comply with Article 26 paragraph 3 of the Patent Law.
 - ☐ The draft of the description does not comply with Rule 18 of the Implementing Regulations.
 - ☐ The draft of the description does not comply with Rule 19(3) of the Implementing Regulations.
- ☒ On the Claims:
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not possess the novelty as required by Article 22 paragraph 2 of the Patent Law.
 - ☒ Claims 1-9 do not possess the inventiveness as required by Article 22 paragraph 3 of the Patent Law.
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not possess the practical applicability as required by Article 22 paragraph 4 of the Patent Law.
 - ☐ Claims _____ are not patentable under Article 25 of the Patent Law.
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not comply with Article 26 paragraph 4 of the Patent Law.
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not comply with Article 31 paragraph 1 of the Patent Law.
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not comply with the definition of invention prescribed by Rule 2 paragraph 1 of the Implementing Regulations.
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not comply with Rule 13 paragraph 1 of the Implementing Regulations.
 - ☒ Claims 2 do not comply with Rule 20 of the Implementing Regulations.
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not comply with Rule 21 of the Implementing Regulations.
 - ☐ Claims _____ do not comply with Rule 22 of the Implementing Regulations.
 - ☒ Claims 4, 8 do not comply with Rule 23 of the Implementing Regulations.

The explanations supporting the conclusions are included in the text portion of the Notification.

7. In view of the conclusions set forth above, the examiner is of the opinion that:

- ☐ The applicant should amend the application based on the requirements provided in the text portion of the Notification.
- ☒ The applicant should expound reasons why the application is patentable and make amendments to the application where deficiencies are pointed out in the text portion of the Notification, otherwise, the application will not be allowed.
- ☐ The application contains no allowable invention, and therefore, if the applicant fails to furnish sufficient reasons to prove the patentability of the application, the application will be rejected.
- ☐

8. The applicant shall pay attention to the followings:

- (1) Under Article 37 of the Patent Law, the applicant shall make a response to the Notification within 4 months from receipt of the Notification. If, without any justified reason, the time limit is not met, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.
- (2) Any amendments to the application should be in conformity with the provisions of Article 33 of the Patent Law. Substitution pages shall be in duplicate and the format thereof shall be in conformity with the relevant provision provided in the "Examination Guidelines".
- (3) The response and/or amended documents should be mailed to or handed over to the "Reception Division" of the Patent Office, and the documents not mailed or handed over to the Reception Divisions have no legal effect.
- (4) Without an appointment in advance, the applicant and/or his agent shall not interview with the examiner of the Patent Office.

9. This Notification contains a text portion of 2 pages with the following attachments:

- ☒ 3 cited references, totaling 7 pages.
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